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New President Takes Lead for San Diego Association of REALTORS®

Erik Weichelt enters office with more than 13 years of real estate experience

San Diego, Calif. - January 12, 2009 –The [San Diego Association of REALTORS®](http://www.sdar.com) (SDAR), San Diego's largest trade association, welcomed Erik Weichelt as president on Saturday. Elected by SDAR's members in 2007, Weichelt brings more than 13 years of experience in real estate to help him handle his new duties spanning from local spokesperson to national representative.

As president, he will also chair the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and act as the official voting delegate to the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR). He will be responsible for appointing all committee chair positions and be the designated shareholder representative to Sandicor and the regional MLS.

Weichelt has ambitious goals for his term as SDAR president in 2009. Having spent the last five years representing SDAR® on the state level as a director for the California Association of REALTORS® (C.A.R.), he plans to increase SDAR's involvement in statewide and legislative issues. He will work closely with media to ensure that the general public has the most current local real estate information. Weichelt also plans to focus on a member-driven association by opening new service centers for REALTORS® to gain easier access to SDAR resources.

Weichelt's history with SDAR is expansive. In 2005 Weichelt served as SDAR's Vice-President and was responsible for membership outreach. He has served on numerous committees including: Strategic Planning, RAPP, Government Affairs, Pro Standards, Grievance, Information Technology and Budget and Finance.

Weichelt was installed as president on Saturday, Jan. 10, at the US Grant. Mayor Jerry Sanders was in attendance as well as C.A.R. President Jim Liptak and NAR president Dick Gaylord. SDAR's annual Awards of Excellence were also presented to: Affiliate of the Year, Ed Northrup; Office Manager of the Year, Linda Harbert; Broker of the Year, Drew Burks and REALTOR of the Year, Ann Throckmorton. Nominated by their peers, these awards recognize outstanding service, ethics, integrity and professional standards.

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About SDAR®

The San Diego Association of REALTORS® is the largest association in San Diego, consisting of more than 10,000 members. Established in 1878 SDAR® provides education, services and tools to their members, who in turn, agree to act by a standardized code of conduct and ethics. SDAR® is involved on a state and national level to ensure fair real estate transactions. The association also serves as a resource for information on the local real estate market, providing monthly statistics and analysis to the general public.